Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

FY17 AMA-HAWAII

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: FY17 AMA-HAWAII		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement conservation practices which:	
2. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from on-farm agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
3. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes O or No O
3. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes O or No O
4. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
5. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
6. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive species on non-cropland?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	
6. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	
6. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	
6. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes O or No O

Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes O or No O
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes O or No O
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes O or No O
8. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	
1. Will the application and practices assist the ag producer achieve conservation compliance on land determined to be "Highly Erodible Land" (HEL)?	
2. Will the application implement irrigation related practices?	
3. Will practices reduce soil erosion, sedimentation, or non-point source pollution (e.g., nutrients, pesticides) in impaired watersheds?	
4. Will practices conserve ground or surface water resources?	Yes O or No O
5. Will practices improve wildlife habitat for "at-risk species" (threatened, endangered, candidate, species of concern)?	
6. Will this application continue or complete implementation of an existing financially assisted (i.e., EQIP) conservation system by installing additional required/facilitating practices?	
7. In past 2 years, has the applicant had an EQIP/AMA contract with non-performance issues (i.e., CPA-153 issued; practices rescheduled) that were within their control? Answer 'No' if circumstances were beyond client's control (i.e., hardship as approved by NRCS; jobsheet/design not received in a timely manner).	

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will practices address soil erosion or water quality on cropland fields: 1) with slopes greater than 7%; 2) that are annually tilled; or 3) that are located within 1 mile of surface waters?	
2. Will practices make improvements to grazing lands by: 1) implementing prescribed grazing; 2) improving feed/forage, livestock shelter, livestock water; or 3) addressing invasive species?	Yes O or No O
3. Will practices include installation or enhancement of: 1) native forest habitat; or 2) mixed agroforest as detailed in PIA Forestry/Agroforestry Tech Note No. 11?	Yes O or No O
4. Will practices address water quality on an AFO that is located: 1) within 300 feet of a surface water resource (e.g., stream, ocean); 2) above an area with sensitive or shallow ground water resources; 3) in a watershed of a 303(d) designated water body impaired for nutrients or pathogens; or 4) in a locally designated (i.e., EPA) impaired watershed?	
5. Will practices improve soil health by adopting at least 2 of the following principles: reducing tillage, increasing soil cover, maintaining live roots, and increasing plant diversity?	
6. Will practices improve native habitat that is adjacent or connected to a native forest reserve, wildlife refuge, or other preserved forest/riparian area (e.g., project area shares a boundary with a forest reserve, wildlife refuge, etc.)?	
7. Will practices result in energy savings?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score		
Efficiency:		
Local Issues:		
State Issues:		
National Issues:		
Final Ranking Score:		
This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.		
Notes:		
NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:	

Signature Date:

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